

# Southeast Bus Nuts Newsletter

## Autumn 2025

### Noble Thoughts

by Bo Noble,  
Chapter President

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

As most of you know by now, we lost the 8V71 in our MC9 heading to the fall rally. But in typical SE Busnut fashion, **Rickey Gaskins** called us as we were heading back home, sad and dejected in our TOAD, and offered his coach, a nice Prevost with a Series 60 for us to use so we could make the event. It was literally one mile out of our way to his house in Darlington, SC. (I think he just wanted to get the bus there so Ray and Kevin could fix the Aquahot, which by the way 'we' did) All I had to do is open the bay and it was like moths to a flame, the lawn chairs came out, supervision, directions and opinions commenced.



**President Bo Noble**

It was a successful group effort and in my opinion the highlight of the rally Can't thank Rickey enough for the kind gesture and for the use of his bus.

So fast forward after we got back home I found a local donor bus with a 8V71 that I took out and delivered to the shop (<https://www.youtube.com/@themotorcoachtechnician>) in Warsaw, NC. Waiting to get the bus back home soon, I am planning to go there and clean, paint and install additional lights while the engine bay is empty.

Lots of other stuff going on here at home base, so sorry for the short missive. Hope to see everyone at the Winter rally; get signed up, registration is open!

Also if you don't have Coach-Net (<https://coach-net.com/>) you need to stop what you're doing and get signed up before you leave out again! We used the service and had \$0 out-of-pocket expense to have our Custom Coach/MCI towed to Cardinal Coach up in North Carolina  
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### Treasurer's Report

Happy Fall Y'all! The Chapter's financial report through October 31<sup>st</sup> is as follows:

Checking Account bal.	\$ 9,134.75
Pay Pal Account bal.	\$ 63.55
Total	\$ 9,198.30
Less Outstanding Amounts*	\$ 4,876.20
Available Balance	\$4,322.10

\*Outstanding amounts include prior rally refunds, cancellation credits, and reimbursements.

Respectfully submitted.

**Denise Aldridge**, Treasurer

### FRVA Director's Report

Although we will be having our own Spring Rally in April (see p.5), the 112<sup>th</sup> FRVA International Convention & RV Expo will be held once again in Perry, Georgia March 18-21, 2026 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter. Registration is currently open on the FRVA website. Early Bird discount ends January 21, 2026.

There will be seminars, workshops, roundtable discussions, and presentations (called the RV Learning Zone) about tools and gadgets; solar energy; fire and safety; internet options; RV trip planning; tires; boondocking; and much more. The Education

## .FRVA Director's Report (Cont'd)

Committee seeks individuals who would like to participate as presenters in this new RV Learning Zone program. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Chair Linda Milner at [glenda-milner70@gmail.com](mailto:glenda-milner70@gmail.com).

National Office Redesign Help Needed – FRVA is seeking assistance from members with experience in office design and/or electrical design for offices. Most work will be conducted through Zoom meeting and email. If you have this type of experience, please contact Executive Director Doug Uhlenbrock [duhlenbrock@frva.com](mailto:duhlenbrock@frva.com); 800-543-3622).

**Denise Aldridge**

### Secretary's Report

As of November 1st the Southeast Bus Nuts chapter has registered 56 regular members and 12 honorary members.

### New Members

We welcome new members **Jimmy and Beth Bryson** (fifth wheel) from Summerton, SC. They attended the Outer Banks Rally. Also, new members **Jack and Linda Hirsch** (1999 Prevost XL40 Featherlite/Vogue) from Olmsted Township, OH—they just joined on November 12.

### Board Minutes

No board meeting. The next meeting will be held at the Post New Years rally January 1st through 4th in Wildwood, FL.

### Outer Banks Rally Report

Our host **Ed Fisher** and co-host **Jerry Hodge** put on a fantastic fall rally. Let's start with the campground, Cape Hatteras Campground and RV Resort. Their group coordinator was super easy to work with, extremely hospitable and welcoming to our group, and was always available when we needed something. The facilities were top notch. The Club House was spacious and the kitchen was stocked with all the things we needed. We were even invited to enjoy the freezer loooaaaded with ice cream for our after-dinner desserts. And boy,

did we! Next let's chat about the itinerary...

Ed had arranged for us to participate in so many things, there literally were not enough hours in the day to get to everything. Which means we will definitely need to hold another rally here. Unfortunately, with the government shutdown we also missed out on a few national hot spots like the Wright Brothers Museum, National Parks, and of course driving on the beach and seeing the wild horses. Several members visited lighthouses and the famous house that was in the 2008 movie "Nights in Rodanthe" starring Diane Lane and Richard Gere.

Then there was the fishing trip! President **Bo Noble** had his first offshore fishing experience aboard "The Hook Up" charter with Captain John Canning III. Bo was joined by fellow fisherwoman **Denise Aldridge** and spectator **Ray Aldridge**. A total of 11 King Mackerel and five sharks were caught. There is, of course, the one that got away. It was humungous too. No lie. Just ask Bo and he will tell you all about it. As you all know, we definitely eat well at our rallies and have lots of fun. We enjoyed 'pot luck dinner night' where not one dish was duplicated. We enjoyed a chili night

complete with a baked potato bar. Thank you to our three volunteer chili cooks **Kyle Brandt, Karen Jimenez, and Denise Aldridge**. We also enjoyed take-out from Pigman's BBQ. Not to mention all the additional add on's from various members, bringing desserts and other things, and pitching in to help cook and clean up. It takes a village and our bus nuts never disappoint. Here's a shout out to **Mike Heron** as well for sending us a Trivia Game to play in his absence. Not only was it fun to play, but we all may have learned a thing or two.

We also played Bingo one night using cards and equipment provided by the campground. Lots of winners and prizes. A huge thank you to Vice President **Jerry Hodge** and his wife **Patsy**. Jerry was on the mend from having surgery just a week or so before this rally and he persevered, made it to the rally, and made sure he did what was needed to have a successful time, especially with our host Ed Fisher not being able to attend. Last but certainly not least, no bus rally would be complete without some bus repairs going on. Kevin and Ray with help from several others (Bo, Jack, Jess) worked on some of those pesky AquaHots...

**Denise Aldridge**



# Outer Banks Rally Photos



A week before our Outer Banks rally Hurricane Erin caused some flooding and wash-outs...



...but a few days later things were cleaned up and the weather turned sunny. Three of our ralliers caught 17 fish on an excursion!



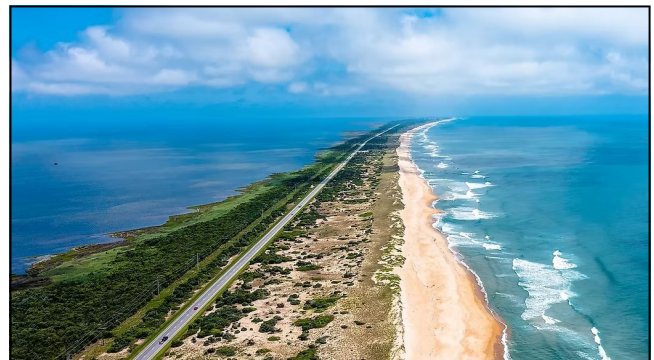
Winners of the Bingo were, from the left, Nancy Brandt, Bo Noble, Ray Aldridge, Harriet Chaires and Jess Burrier.



Winner of the 50-50 drawing on the final night of the rally was Karen Jimenez.



Winners of the Team Trivia event were, from the left, Norm Scanapico, his wife Maureen, Jerry Hodge and President Bo Noble.

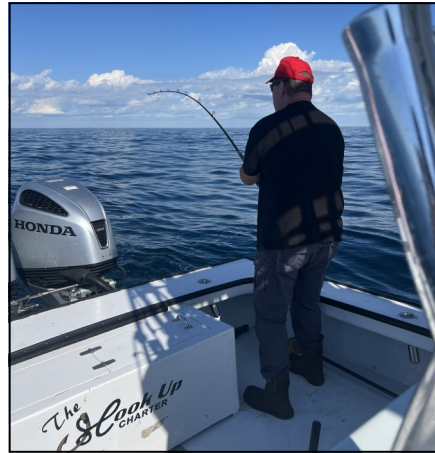


Some members took the ferry home, going south, from Okracoke to Cedar Island. Great fun!

# More Outer Banks Pix



**Our RV park, Cape Hatteras Campground and RV Resort, is situated between the Atlantic Ocean and Pamlico Sound. Plenty of refreshing sea breezes and salt scented air!**



**President Noble hooked the biggest fish of the fishing excursion on the 2nd day—a shark!**

**Immediate right: Chapter Treasurer Denise Aldridge had all she could handle with a King Mackerel.**



**Far right: Lots of good eats at the rally, including a baked potato extravaganza with all the toppings.**



**New members Jimmy and Beth Bryson volunteered to help with the rally. They live in Summerton SC, (between Columbia and Charleston). Welcome aboard Beth and Jimmy!**

# Future Rallies—Mark These Dates!

Post New Years Rally  
January 1-4, 2026  
Wildwood RV Village  
(near the Villages)

For details: Lisa Sawyer, Sec'y

[lisaasawyer@yahoo.com](mailto:lisaasawyer@yahoo.com)

**Registration open now!**



## SEBN Spring Rally

There is a chance the SEBN will return to Palmetto Cove near Cleveland SC for our 8th spring fling! Stay tuned!

**SEBN Autumn Rally**  
**Last three venues:**

**2023 Frankfort, KY**  
**2024 Winston Salem, NC**  
**2025 Rodanthe, NC**

Rally Hosts needed.  
Contact Bo Noble for  
details:

(704) 502-6055

Watch this space for further information

## Southeast Bus Nuts Leadership

### Chapter Officers (through Dec. 31, 2026)

President– Bo Noble bonoble@outlook.com

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## 2025-26 Advisory Committee:

*(in addition to Chapter Officers)*

Jerry Hodge, Chaplain

Mike Heron

Past Chapter Presidents: Art Hempen, Gene Brotherton\*, Russ Drummond\*, Howard Best, Mike Jackson\*, Lewie Hinman\*, Bill Zibell, Andy Metro, Ray Stiltner, Gerald Ensley, Jack Campbell, Mike Heron, Duane Britt\*, Charlie Bukoski\*, Ed Fisher, Bryan Bowman, Craig Bowen, Manny Montesino and Denise Aldridge (\* denotes deceased)

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